

December 16, 1953

James, Inc.
300 West Main Street
Louisville 2, Kentucky

Gentlemen:

Please be kind enough to send me the 25¢ envelope of the New Bowery Theatre which you advertised in the Scrap Book. My check for \$9.00 is enclosed.

If you want to send me the 50¢ envelope of Leach, on approval, I may buy it too.

Please give my regards to Mr. Kenney.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

JAMES, INCORPORATED

"Every Thing For The Stamp & Coin Collector"

300 West Main Street
LOUISVILLE 2, KENTUCKY

December 21, 1953

Eric P. Newman
315 Washington Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Mr. Newman:

We return your check regretfully - - someone bought the entire lot of these rare items a day before your order. I certainly wish we had more---have had oodles of orders.

It's been a long time since I corresponded with you while I was with the ANS. How have you been and how are your gorgeous Colonials? At present, we cannot offer you anything that would meet with your high standards, but we're rather young in the game.

My own interest in Colonials has not abated and I still like Struck Copies. Fact of the matter is that I've suddenly developed a passion to collect the things I've written about, and now cannot seem to find them anywhere. Tribulations of the student!

Hoping this finds you in the best of spirits and please step in should your trips take to Louisville way.

Cordially,

JAMES, INCORPORATED

Richard D. Kenney
Richard D. Kenney



February 18, 1955

James, Incorporated
300 West Main Street
Louisville, Kentucky

Attention: Mr. Kenney

Gentlemen:

I would appreciate it if you would
send me, on approval, any of the pewter plan-
tation tokens of James II of the denomination
of 1/24th real, sometimes known as the Florida
tokens.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb

JAMES, INCORPORATED

"Every Thing For The Stamp & Coin Collector"

300 West Main Street
LOUISVILLE 2, KENTUCKY

February 19, 1955

Eric P. Newman
400 Washington Ave.
St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Mr. Newman:

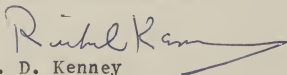
Thank you for your letter.

We sincerely regret not having any of the
James II Pewter Tokens in stock at this
writing. However, we have recorded your
wants.

We may acquire some more postage-stamp
envelopes soon. If the deal goes through,
we will send some on approval to you.

Cordially,

JAMES, INCORPORATED


R. D. Kenney

RDK/jw



JAMES, INCORPORATED

"Every Thing For The Stamp & Coin Collector"

300 West Main Street
LOUISVILLE 2, KENTUCKY

September 23, 1955

Mr. Eric P. Newman
400 Washington Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Mr. Newman:

I hope Pinches & Son are still in business, but I do not know their present or past address. I ran across them tracking down some unofficial coins they had made in the period 1890-1915 for Reginald Huth, a British collector. I believe Spink's or Seaby would be most apt to know their whereabouts. They might also be helpful in locating assorted Lincoln literature and papers. Have you tried them?

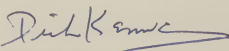
Your assumption on dies breaking sounds most reasonable, lacking other reasons for more than one set of dies. We do know that Huth, in commissioning Pinches to do some fake Isabella and Madagascar coins, spared no expense in different dies as well as metals.

Thank you for the information on the Missouri Union Defense Bond. We have the \$1.00 in stock and Ford seems to agree on the scarcity by wanting it very much.

Some day, real soon, I shall turn up in St. Louis and we might have a pow-wow on Colonials and the lost art of Numismatics as practiced years ago.

Cordially,

JAMES, INCORPORATED


Richard D. Kenney

RDK/jw



A.N.A.

JAMES, INCORPORATED

"Every Thing For The Stamp & Coin Collector"

300 West Main Street
LOUISVILLE 2, KENTUCKY

October 13, 1955

Mr. Eric Newman
400 Washington Ave.
St. Louis, Missouri

Dear Eric:

Glad to hear you may expect some news from Pinches---
I do hope my hunch does not prove false.

"Black Doggs", according to Frey, were named after debased silver coins during Queen Anne's reign and he quotes Ashton ".....Shillings or other pieces of money, made only of Pewter double Wash'd." Frey also refers the reader to Swift, Drapier's letters (iii), and Crosby. The name also extended itself into the latter 18th. and early 19th. centuries when the Cayenne Sous were so-called in the West Indies.

I believe further information may be gleaned from Folke's English Coinage (1763). I am certain you can borrow a copy from the A.N.S. However, you are a researcher, and I'm darn certain you have already covered that book. I don't know as I fully agree with your findings that only the plantation pieces circulated up to the first Quarter of the 18th. Century. Your published proof, of course, may change my mind.

Many thanks for the information on the stamping device. We already have two and I believe a small dealer in the East has already advertised them.

Best regards,

JAMES, INCORPORATED

Rich Kenney
Richard Kenney

BDK/jw

*European shipped under
S. M. K. cover.*



A.N.A.

October 18, 1955

Mr. Richard Kenney
James, Incorporated
300 West Main
Louisville 2, Kentucky

Dear Dick:

It was very nice of you and your associates to send me the Guidebook.

Thank you for your comment on "black dogs". I am now convinced that I am quite wrong. The original black dogs were the billion sou mark of France as I found a law in the West Indies which so names them. They must have been circulating in Connecticut. All the definitions which are in the books seem to cover coins which were put out long after the Connecticut use.

I will let you know when I hear from England on the 1/2th real matter.

I still look forward to meeting you and your associates whenever and wherever the occasion permits.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely,

EPM/atb

RICHARD D. KENNEY
3204 RADIANCE ROAD
LOUISVILLE 5, KENTUCKY

11/23/56
1:30 A.M.

DEAR ERIC:

PLEASE PARDON THE DELAY AS I'VE BEEN AWAY WITH MR. KARP, IN N.Y. AND THE DETROIT CONVENTION.

THERE ISN'T MUCH THAT I'M AWARE OF RE THE GOOL SAMARITAN SHILLING OUTSIDE OF CROSBY AND GOOL DETECTIVE WORK SUCH AS YOU ARE NOW INVOLVED IN. OF COURSE I WHOLLY AGREE WITH YOU ON THE TIME-PROVENANCE OF BOYD'S SPECIMEN AND EQUALLY SHARE YOUR MISGIVINGS ABOUT EXPLODING THE MYTH DURING HIS LIFETIME. I CAN JUST VISUALIZE ALL HELL BREAKING LOOSE WITH OLD FREDDIE REGAINING HIS HOST ENERGY THAT HE WAS SO NEUROTIcALLY FLAUNTING PRIOR TO 1950.

HAD A VISIT WITH OLGA RAYMOND WHITE IN N.Y. HAVE KNOWN HER FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS. W.R. LEFT AN AWFUL LOT IN HIS PERSONAL COLLECTION - WHICH FRED B. COULDN'T WANGLE OUT OF HIM. FORD AND WORNSEN ARE APPRAISING THE ESTATE (WILL APPRECIATE THIS LATTER FACT AS CONFIDENTIAL).

IF I HADN'T MENTIONED IT IN MY PREVIOUS LETTER, HERE IS WHAT MARGIE DOPE I HAVE ON THE GOOL SAMARITAN - OTHER THAN FOLKES, FELT, CROSBY, AND NOE:

AMERICAN JOURNAL NUM. 1866, 1869, 1872 - BUT I THINK ARTICLES IN THESE ISSUES REFER ONLY TO WYATT'S COPY. HAVE YOU GIVEN ANY THOUGHT

to the possibility that Wyatt himself made the so-called "original." It is not unlikely.

The Gold Specimen was made by Edwin Bishop who acquired Wyatt's dies. The Kabins paid an outrageous 500⁰⁰ for this ridiculous piece.

This does not seem to help you much, but have you contacted Walter Breen? My present library is limited - being away from A.N.S., but Breen, despite many shortcomings, has an uncanny retentive memory. Besides, he had heaped through every single 19th & 20th Century Auction Catalog at the A.N.S. while in the pay of W.R., and his opinions on the G.S. shilling will stem from the printed word. It would be best to write him at his P.O. Box 1024, Grand Central Station, New York 24.

Your uncovering of Matlen Young is quite a discovery. Keep up the good work!

Best Regards
Dick

EDISON BROTHERS STORES, Inc.

March 8, 1957

Mr. Raymond M. Williamson
103 Iroquois Lane
Liverpool, New York

Dear Mr. Williamson:

I am in a very blue mood today as I just heard that Richard Kenney died of a heart attack. He was a real student and scholar in numismatics.

I am enclosing a preliminary draft of my article, along with a photograph covering the principal coins involved. Please feel free to scratch it up and comment generally and then return it to me. I can then furnish you another copy after it is completely revised.

I certainly look forward to the receipt of the source book and I thank you, in advance.

Let Kenney's misfortune be a word of warning about working all day and all night.

Sincerely,

ERIC P. HANMAN

EPN:atb

TELEPHONE: JU 3-4851

James Incorporated



JAMES BUILDING

105 WEST MAIN STREET

LOUISVILLE 2, KENTUCKY

October 27, 1960

Mr. Eric P. Newman
6450 Cecil Avenue
St. Louis 5, Missouri

Dear Mr. Newman:

We trust that at this date you may have completed photographing our Washington Piece that Doctor Fuld forwarded to you along with an 8 real piece.

We know that you are a busy man and that possibly you have not completed research, etc.

May we please have an indication as to when we can expect return of same?

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

JAMES, INCORPORATED

L. R. Karp
L. R. Karp

LRK/jw

October 31, 1960

Mr. L. A. Carp
James, Incorporated
James Building
105 West Main Street
Louisville 2, Kentucky

Dear Sir:

Thank you for your letter of October 27, 1960. Your timing was perfect.

I am returning herewith the 1796 Washington piece and the eight real piece which George told me to return to you. I am also enclosing a photograph of the piece which I took and my comments with respect to it. I am also sending George a copy of the comments and photo. Thank you for the opportunity of seeing it.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

ERIC P. NEWMAN

EPN/atb